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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS			DEFENDANTS			
Hector Alicea III			Police Officer Rogalski			
(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Philadelphia (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)			County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Philadelphia (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY) NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.			
(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)			Attorneys (If Known)			
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

DESIGNATION FORM

(to be used by counsel or pro se plaintiff to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to the appropriate calendar)

Address of Plaintiff: 2031 East Monmouth Street Philadelphia, PA 19134						
Address of Defendant: 1515 Arch Street, 14th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19102						
Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction:						
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RELATED CASE, IF ANY:						
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Civil cases are deemed related when Yes is answered to any of the following questions:						
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 Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? 						
3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously terminated action of this court?						
4. Is this case a second or successive habeas corpus, social security appeal, or pro se civil rights Yes No Vo						
I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case is / is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court except as noted above.						
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	Attorney-at-Law / Pro Se Plaintiff	Attorney I.D. # (if applicable)				
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ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION						
(The effect of this certification is to remove the case from eligibility for arbitration.) I,, counsel of record or pro se plaintiff, do hereby certify:						
Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, § 3(c) (2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case exceed the sum of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs:						
Relief other than monetary damages is	s sought.					
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Attorney-at-Law / Pro Se Plaintiff Attorney I.D. # (if applicable) NOTE: A trial de novo will be a trial by jury only if there has been compliance with F.R.C.P. 38.						

Hector Alicea III, Plaintiff, : United States District Court

vs. : Eastern District of Pennsylvania

: Civil Division – Civil Rights

Police Officer Rogalski, Defendant. : Case No.: _____

COMPLAINT

1. Plaintiff Hector Alicea III ("Alicea III") via counsel, David Wesley Cornish, Esquire, Complains and states he was injured as follows, and via 42 U.S.C. §§1983, 1985, and 1988, of the civil rights laws passed by Congress, provides the appropriate remedy to persons who have been deprived of their federal constitutional statutory rights under the color of state law.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question) and the Civil Rights Act of 1871, 42 U.S.C. §§1983, 1985, and 1988.
- 3. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction for the state law claims, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1367.
- 4. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(b) in that Defendants work and reside in this district and virtually all the acts described in this Complaint occurred in this district.

PLAINITFF

5. Plaintiff is **Hector Alicea III**, an individual and resident of the United States of America, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the City of Philadelphia.

DEFENDANTS

6. Defendant is **Police Officer Rogalski**, a police officer for the Philadelphia Police Department, who lives and resides in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

7. At all relevant times, the Defendants acted under the color of law as a municipality supervising municipally employed police officers while on duty.

- 8. On or about March 29, 2021, Defendant Rogalski who was employed as a Philadelphia Police Officer and acting under the color of law when he encountered the Plaintiff.
- 9. Defendant claims he was attempting to arrest another individual when Plaintiff, shouldered him, causing Defendant to be knocked down to the ground.
- 10. Plaintiff was arrested by the Defendant and other law enforcement agents.
- 11. Plaintiff's takedown and arrest was very rough and involved excessive force causing Plaintiff injury.
- 12. Plaintiff never physically resisted any officer commands, directions, or orders.
- 13. Plaintiff was searched and Defendant Rogalski claims illegal narcotics were recovered.
- 14. Plaintiff was charged with aggravated assault on a protected person¹, possession of a controlled substance², recklessly endangering another person³, obstructing justice⁴, and hindering apprehension⁵.
- 15. Plaintiff was arrested and had bail set pending his trial.
- 16. On October 4, 2021, the Honorable Judge Karen Simmons dismissed all charges against the Plaintiff.
- 17. Plaintiff denies ever having "shouldered" the Defendant.
- 18. Plaintiff denies every possessing illegal narcotics.

PLAINTIFF'S INJURIES

- 19. Plaintiff alleges and incorporates via reference the allegations contained in all the above paragraphs, as fully as though the same were set forth herein at length.
- 20. Due to the Defendants actions Plaintiff suffered the following injuries:
 - a. Physical discomfort from being arrested;
 - b. A loss of enjoyment and quality of life due to the Defendants actions in injuring him which caused physical and psychological injuries;

¹ 18 Pa.C.S.A. §2705

² 35 Pa.C.S.A. 780-113(a)(16)

³ 18 Pa.C.S.A. §2705

^{4 18} Pa.C.S.A. §5101

^{5 18} Pa.C.S.A. §5105

- c. A loss of employment/business opportunities, in particular his job with FedEx due to the Defendants actions injuring him;
- d. Loss of opportunities to continue his education and training:
- e. Inconvenience, embarrassment, shame, and anxiety from Plaintiff's arrest and prosecution;
- f. Litigation expenses for this civil matter including but not limited to filing fees, administrative fees, expert fees, court costs, civil counsel fees, and the like.

COUNT 1 – FALSE IMPRISONMENT & FALSE ARREST

- 21. Plaintiff alleges and incorporates via reference the allegations contained in all the above paragraphs, as fully as though the same were set forth herein at length.
- 22. Plaintiff avers they were searched and seized within the meaning of the United States Constitution's 4th Amendment as applied to the states via the 14th Amendment by the Defendants, during this incident.
- 23. Plaintiff avers his initial detention and arrest were illegal as it was not based on probable cause he was committing a crime as Plaintiff was within his fixed place of business.
- 24. Plaintiff avers his continued detention, after his arrest and the forwarding of criminal charges constituted a false imprisonment, as this was directly linked to his arrest, where no probable cause existed.
- 25. Plaintiff avers his seizure and resultant arrest by Defendants was illegal and improper because the Defendant knowingly lacked a reasonable suspicion, and/or probable cause to believe he was committing a criminal offense.
- 26. Plaintiff avers the police lacked probable cause to arrest them and they were falsely imprisoned pursuant to their arrests pursuant to the 4th Amendment of the United States Constitution against unjust seizures.
- 27. Plaintiff avers but for the Defendants' actions, he otherwise would not have been subjected to a search, seizure, arrest, and prosecution pursuant to the 4th Amendment of the United States Constitution.
- 28. The Defendant directly, foreseeably, legally, and proximately caused Plaintiffs to have suffered unjust, unwarranted, and unlawful incarceration, prosecution, and/or will continue to suffer the following

damages: Physical Injuries including pain and suffering, Public shame and embarrassment, Past and future costs for medical treatment and care, Loss of enjoyment of freedom, Loss of employment/educational opportunities and wages, Loss of wages, Loss of enjoyment of life, Loss of enjoyment of freedom, and Past and future pain and suffering, inconvenience, and emotional distress.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants, in an official, professional, individual, and personal capacity, individually, jointly, and severally for compensatory, punitive, and exemplary damages in addition to attorneys' fees, costs, interest, and the like in excess of one hundred and fifty-thousand dollars (\$150,000).

COUNT 2 – MALICIOUS PROSECUTION

- 29. Plaintiff alleges and incorporates via reference the allegations contained in all the above paragraphs, as fully as though the same were set forth herein at length.
- 30. Plaintiff avers the Defendant initiated criminal proceedings in the underlying criminal case, against him via arrest, filing a criminal complaint, processing him, and consulting the District Attorney's Office about further charging him.
- 31. Plaintiff avers the Defendant lacked probable cause, as articulated in the United States Constitution's 4th Amendment and applied to the states via the 14th Amendment, to stop, search, and detain Plaintiffs when they first encountered him, and lacked probable cause to arrest and because the Defendants arrested him, his resulting imprisonment was unjust, illegal, and was the direct and causal reason he was incarcerated.
- 32. Plaintiff's criminal charges terminated in his favor when all charges were dismissed.
- 33. Plaintiff avers the Defendants acted maliciously or for a purpose other than bringing him to justice, as Plaintiff was not committing a crime when he first encountered the Defendant.
- 34. Plaintiff avers because of this criminal proceeding; he suffered a significant deprivation of liberty and freedom spending time in pre-trial incarceration.

- 35. Further, Plaintiff avers Defendants obscured the District Attorney's Office from making an independent judgment about the merits of prosecution as these Defendants failed to provide materially honest evidence and statements regarding Plaintiffs, the evidence observed, and recovered.
- 36. Plaintiff avers but for the Defendants filing a criminal complaint based on a gross misapplication of clearly stated law, and/or fabricated/non-existent evidence, he would never have had a criminal case initiated against him.
- 37. The Defendants directly, foreseeably, legally, and proximately caused Plaintiffs to have suffered unjust, unwarranted, and unlawful incarceration, prosecution, and/or will continue to suffer the following damages: Physical injuries including pain and suffering, Public shame and embarrassment, Loss of enjoyment of life, Loss of enjoyment of freedom, Loss of employment/educational opportunities and wages, and Past and future pain and suffering, extreme inconvenience, and emotional distress.

 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants, in an official, professional, individual, and personal capacity, individually, jointly, and severally for compensatory, punitive, and exemplary damages in addition to attorneys' fees, costs, interest, and the like in excess of one hundred and fifty-thousand dollars (\$150,000).

COUNT 3 – EXCESSIVE FORCE

- 38. Plaintiff alleges and incorporates via reference the allegations contained in all the above paragraphs, as fully as though the same were set forth herein at length.
- 39. Plaintiff claims the Defendant used more force than was necessary and injured him during his arrest.
- 40. Plaintiff at no time was physically resisting any of law enforcement agents' commands.
- 41. As a result of Defendant's actions he was injured by the amount of force exerted.
 - WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against Defendants, in an official, professional, individual, and personal capacity, individually, jointly, and severally for compensatory, direct, indirect and all other

damages legally allowable via law, in addition to attorneys' fees, costs, interest, and the like in excess of one hundred and fifty-thousand dollars (\$150,000).

PUNITIVE DAMAGES REQUEST

- 42. Plaintiff alleges and incorporates via reference the allegations contained in all the above paragraphs, as fully as though the same were set forth herein at length.
- 43. Defendants actions in depriving Plaintiff of his rights, freedoms, privileges, and liberties is so outrageous as to shock the conscience of reasonable persons and shows reckless indifference for the Plaintiff's rights, especially when there was no reasonable suspicion or probable cause to believe he was committing a criminal act by carrying a legally purchased and owned weapon while working at his fixed place of business, and when asked told the police the same and was still imprisoned.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand exemplary and punitive damages plus attorneys' fees and costs in an amount in excess of One-Hundred and Fifty-Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) against all Defendants officially, personally, professionally, individually, jointly, and severally.

JURY DEMAND

- 44. Plaintiff alleges and incorporates via reference the allegations contained in all the above paragraphs, as fully as though the same were set forth herein at length.
- 45. Plaintiffs demand a jury to determine the extent of damages and provide a full and fair determination pursuant to the United States Constitutional Amendments V, VI, and XIV.

Respectfully Submitted,

/S/ David Westey Cornish, Esquire

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DATE: March 28, 2023

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VERIFICATION

The facts set forth in the foregoing Complaint are true and correct to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, information and belief and are verified subject to the penalties for perjury and unsworn falsification to authorities and/or the tribunal.

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